

**CANYONS OF THE ANCIENTS NATIONAL MONUMENT**  
**Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**August 10, 2004**

**Advisory Committee Attendees:**

Bob Clayton   Chris Majors   Mark Varien

Bud Poe        Kelly Wilson    Chuck McAfee

Liz Tozer

**Bureau of Land Management Attendees:**

LouAnn Jacobson, Monument Manager

Steve Kandell, Monument Land Use Planner

Laura Kochanski, Monument Archaeologist

**Public Attendees:**

Kathe Hayes

**Agenda**

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| 9:00am - 9:10am   | Greetings and Introductions   |
| 9:10am – 12:00am  | Travel to and Visit Cannonball Pueblo   |
| 12:00am - 12:30am | Lunch at Cannonball Pueblo <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Planning and Monument Manager Update</li></ul> |
| 12:30am - 1:30am  | Travel to and Visit Reclaiming Fluid Mineral Well Pads in the Risley Canyon Area                                  |
| 1:30pm - 3:00pm   | Return to Anasazi Heritage Center Traveling on a Northern Route through the Monument                              |
| 3:00pm – 3:15pm   | Public Comment  |
| 3:15pm – 3:30     | Approval of Minutes from the July 6 <sup>th</sup> Meeting and Next Agenda   |

**Note, the remainder of these minutes describes the discussion associated with each agenda topic.**

**Greetings and Introductions**

Kelly Wilson welcomed all participants. He addressed the Committee and stated that we had a quorum (i.e., at least seven members present). Kelly asked everyone (i.e., Committee members

and the public) to introduce themselves. Kelly notified everyone that since the focus of the meeting was to visit areas in the field, the Committee would postpone their review and comment of the July 6, 2004 meeting minutes until they returned to the Anasazi Heritage Center in the afternoon.

### **Travel to and Visit Cannonball Pueblo**

Committee members traveled to and visited Cannonball Pueblo. LouAnn Jacobson and Laura Kochanski provided an overview of Cannonball Pueblo, noting that it is a pueblo three site with 30 known kivas, six towers and two D-shaped structures. Mark Varien commented that Cannonball Pueblo is part of a linear development pattern along Yellow Jacket Canyon. Laura Kochanski discussed the history of the fencing surrounding the site. She stated that the original six foot, chain link fence was constructed in the 1960s to keep cattle out. However, this fence was dismantled in recent years. Presently, a three foot barb wire fence is in place to keep only cattle out.

Committee members inquired about the purpose of the castle like structures. Mark Varien stated that it is a question debated by archaeologist; however, Crow Canyon Archaeological Center has done research showing that warfare increased at the same time the structures were built (i.e., 13 century).

### **Travel to and Visit Reclaiming Fluid Mineral Well Pads in the Risley Canyon Area**

Committee members traveled to and visited a reclaiming fluid mineral well pad in the Risley Canyon Area of the Monument. Bob Clayton stated that the well pad once served six separate carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) wells and that the site has been reclaiming for about a year and a half. Kinder Morgan worked with BLM to develop a reclamation plan for the site, which has included seeding, ripping and then fencing the site to exclude cattle. It has been difficult to establish native grasses on the site, partially due to the drought. Kinder Morgan may start watering the site in the fall, if BLM agrees with this approach. Bob Clayton also pointed out that Kinder Morgan did “below ground capping” at the site. As a result, there is no metal piping left on the surface. Bob stated that Kinder Morgan has an interest in using this approach at other well sites in the Monument.

### **Public Comment**

No members of the public were present.

### **Approval of Minutes from the July 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting and Next Agenda**

Steve Kandell reviewed a handout with Committee members on forming a range subcommittee. In particular, he went through the requirements for forming such a committee. Some of these include all meetings would be open to the public and published in the federal register, subcommittee members would be approved by the full Committee and all recommendations from the subcommittee would go through the full Committee before being submitted to the designated federal officer (DFO). Mark Varien asked what his role would be on the subcommittee. Chris Majors stated that Mark would provide an archaeology perspective on the subcommittee. Mark Varien stated that he is inclined to serve on the subcommittee, but wants to think about it some more. Mark also noted that he doesn't have much knowledge of range issues. Chris Majors felt that Mark could bring a fresh perspective to the range discussion.

Bud Poe asked who on the subcommittee can vote. Steve Kandell stated that everyone on the Committee, except for agency personnel can vote. However, any recommendation they make must go through the full Committee before it is recommended to the DFO. Bud Poe asked that the subcommittee clearly indicate that agency personnel (i.e., BLM) cannot vote with the subcommittee. LouAnn Jacobson stated that the subcommittee proposal should not be made final until the members are approved. Chris Majors asked if the Committee could vote to form the subcommittee and then vote on the members later. LouAnn Jacobson said they could. The Committee unanimously approved the grazing subcommittee.

Steve Kandell handed out several items the Committee has been working on finalizing (i.e., overall objective statement, vision for the Monument, cross country travel recommendations). The Committee agreed to wait until the next meeting to vote on these products. Steve Kandell agreed to email these items out to the Committee so they could review and edit them prior to the next meeting.

Kelly Wilson asked the Committee if they had any other items to discuss. The Committee responded no.

**Meeting was adjourned**